



## Charles Joseph Bauer, Jr.

October 5, 2012

Charles Joseph Bauer Jr., born on the 26th of February 1920 in Manhattan, New York, died Monday, October 01, 2012 at the age of 92 in Stoneham, Texas. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Joseph Bauer and Beatrice Telesca Bauer; brother, Robert Edward Bauer, and daughter, Valerie Bauer Lynch. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Douglas Bauer; sister, Katherine Marino of Aurora, Ohio; daughter, Charleen Bauer Smith and husband Larry; sons, Steven Douglas Bauer and wife Beverly, and John Raymond Bauer and wife Caprice. He is also survived by grandchildren Paul Smith, Andrew Smith and wife Felecia, David Smith and wife Stephanie, Melissa Lynch, Garrett Lynch, Arielle Bauer, Alexandra Bauer, and Adrienne Bauer Dunham and husband Chris, step-grandchildren Richard Baughn, Stacey Baughn Hunt, Christopher McKinley and wife Tanesha, and Michael McKinley and wife Stacie. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren Cohen and Camden Dunham, A.J., Addison, and Aimee Smith, Jocelyn Puente, Hayden, Kaylyn, and Grace McKinley, and Emma and Luke McKinley. Charles graduated from high school in New York City, joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1939, and the U.S. Navy in 1940. Stationed in Portland, Maine early in World War II, he met and married Priscilla Douglas in November of 1942. Charles served twenty years in the U.S. Navy, working his way up from Basic Seaman to Chief Warrant Officer before retiring with 20 years' service in 1960. He then began his second career as a Public Affairs Officer with NASA, serving during the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, and Skylab

programs before retiring again in 1980. Charles and Priscilla and their children traveled far and wide as a result of his Navy service. He visited every state in the Union, and many foreign countries, including French Morocco, Italy, Spain, England, Japan, the Philippine Islands, Panama, Cuba, Trinidad, Mexico, Canada and more. He and Priscilla spent many a happy day traveling the country and camping in their campers while enjoying the great outdoors. Charles was an avid photographer and won many awards for his pictures through the Houston Camera Club and the Outdoor Nature Club of Houston. In his younger days he was also an amateur magician and hypnotist. Charles was a lifelong learner, and his interests knew no bounds. The family wishes to express their thanks to Compassionate Care Hospice for their many kindnesses. Visitation will be on Thursday evening, October 4th at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery, Texas from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The funeral will take place on Friday, October 5th, at the Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veteran's Memorial Drive, Houston, at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Little Thicket Sanctuary, Outdoor Nature Club of Houston, PO Box 270894, Houston, TX 77277 or to M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030. Please leave memorial condolences on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Joseph Bauer, Jr.*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Priscilla and Family,  
I send my sympathy.  
Charles Peterson  
Robert A. Vines Environmental  
Science Center SBISD  
O.N.C.*

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**Charles Peterson** - October 05, 2012 at 05:39 PM



“ *Priscilla, my prayers are with you and the entire family. Charlie was a great person to have as a friend. He will be missed.*

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**Gloria Watkins** - October 05, 2012 at 11:47 AM



“ *My condolences to Priscilla and all the Bauer family. I have such happy memories of Chuck as I got to know him in the Outdoor Nature Club. We had such good times together on field trips, and at the Little Thicket as we reminisced around the camp fires and listened to his ghostly stories on Halloween. I loved the evenings at club meetings when Chuck shared wonderful pictures he'd taken on their latest trip. He was a man of great warmth and many talents who lived a full and productive life. I am happy to have known him.*

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**irene leslie** - October 05, 2012 at 12:02 AM

WS

“ Charlie and I have so many wonderful memories associated with Chuck and Priscilla and the Outdoor Nature Club. I was just the other day talking about what a good storyteller Chuck was, around the campfire on Halloween weekend at the Little Thicket. And we enjoyed having others of the family join us too...the pumpkin carving, tractor rides, hikes, etc. I hope y'all will come to visit the LTNS again soon. Love, Wanda

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**Wanda Smith** - October 04, 2012 at 03:03 PM

DJ

“ What a fine example of steadfast courage and accomplishment, in both his family life and his professional life! Charlie did things others only wished they could do. I didn't know Charlie that long, but I enjoyed his sharp wit and great sense of humor. He will be always remembered as a very special person! Tim and I both extend our deepest sympathy to all of his beloved family.

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**Dennis Johnson** - October 04, 2012 at 11:32 AM

DS

“ There are things that we don't want to happen but have to accept, things we don't want to know but have to learn, and people we can't live without but have to let go.

*When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*

*I love you Grandpa, and will always remember you.*

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**David Smith** - October 04, 2012 at 09:27 AM

DW

“ I feel lucky to have known Chuck as a colleague and a friend from my arrival at the Manned Spacecraft Center in 1966 until his retirement from NASA in 1980. He was a real asset to NASA and the Public Affairs Office during the best and most challenging days of the space program. Chuck frequently stopped by my office after he retired to catch up on his former colleagues and on the activities of the office. We stayed in touch by e-mail after I retired in 1999. I will miss him but will remember him fondly.

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**Doug Ward** - October 03, 2012 at 02:54 PM

BB

“ Charlie, you were the best father-in-law anyone could ever ask for. You were so warm and kind, really caring about others. Also, you were one of the most generous, giving men I've ever known. Often you would bring me some little gift, some small something that you had seen somewhere and thought I might like. I have these little things all over the house, and every time I look at one of them, I smile and think of you. I love you Charlie Bauer, and I always will.

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**Beverly Bauer** - October 03, 2012 at 11:10 AM

SS

“ Grandpa, You were the loving and gracious Grandpa that I did not have before I married David. You always greeted me with a smile, a hug, a compliment and words of wisdom. Your life stories of your many adventures always intrigued me and I am grateful that you shared them with me. I will always cherish you. May the peace of the Lord be with you always. Stephanie Smith

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**Stephanie Smith** - October 03, 2012 at 09:24 AM

CS

“ You held me when I first came into this world and I had the privilege of holding you when you left it. All of our years together were an adventure. I love you.

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**Charleen Smith** - October 02, 2012 at 09:11 PM

LG

“ Steve and Beverly,  
David and I send you and all your family our deepest sympathy. What an incredible man your father was! I wish I could have known him. May he rest in peace.  
Linkey

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**Linkey Green** - October 02, 2012 at 05:30 PM

SB

“ Pop,  
You were the best father I could have ever wanted. You were always there for me no matter what I did or what problem I may have had. Your spirit will live always in my heart and the hearts of all who knew and loved you. You were the greatest of the greatest generation and all they stood for and accomplished. Go now, and fly with the angels, and kiss Valerie for me.  
Steven

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**Steven Bauer** - October 02, 2012 at 02:27 PM

CL

“ Grandpa Bauer, no you weren't really my grandpa, but through the time that I got to know you I came to love you like family. I knew you were a special and beautiful man the moment I met you and I will forever treasure the time I was able to spend with you, Priscilla, Charleen and Larry on the trips to visit you in Navasota. You will forever be in my heart and will be missed eternally and I look forward to seeing you again someday. P.s. I still have that figurine you gave me. I treasure it dearly.

Love,  
Courtney

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**Courtney Landreau** - October 02, 2012 at 11:38 AM

KL

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I just want to say Thank you for accepting me as a part of your family and thank you for allowing me to share with you many great memories that will be with me for a very long time.

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**Kimberly Lynch** - October 01, 2012 at 07:42 PM